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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Cable Memo of Understanding OK'd Despite Many Complaints

by Diane Oberg

Negotiations to renew Jones Communications' cable television franchise moved a step closer to completion with the Greenbelt City Council's approval of a memorandum of understanding outlining the general terms of a contract at its November 23 regular meeting. Council also set March 9 as the date for the referendum on the annexation of Parkside at Greenbelt.

Cable Television

A coalition of county municipalities and the county government is negotiating a renewal of the cable franchise agreement with Jones Communications. The negotiators have reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the general structure of a franchise renewal agreement. The details will be worked out during the negotiation of that agreement. The participating governments are now being asked to approve the MOU as the framework for negotiating the franchise agreement.

The MOU calls for a 15-year renewal, with a review at year 8 to ensure that the company is maintaining a "state-of-the-art" system. Lee Afflerbach, an engineering consultant assisting the coalition, said that companies are reluctant to make significant investments in cable systems without a long-term contract. With some reluctance stemming from frustration with the service problems and the lack of detail in the MOU, council unanimously approved the MOU. Council also introduced an ordinance extending the current franchise agreement through February 1999 to allow time for completion of the franchise renewal negotiations. Final action on that ordinance is expected at the next council meeting.

Jones has hired a consultant to look at the entire system to see what must be done to improve service

Public Hearing

During a public hearing held early in the council meeting, most speakers raised concerns with the quality of service currently being provided by the company. However, Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, the city's representative in these negotiations, told council that the Federal Communications Commission "makes it very difficult to tell a company to go away." If the city were to refuse to renew the franchise agreement, the company would be entitled to a number of hearings with the burden of proof on the city, not the company. At an earlier meeting, she had stated that these hearings could take a couple of years.

If they wished, other cable companies could come in and "overbuild," in essence to construct a second cable system in the city. However, no other company has sought to do so.

The speakers at the public hearing complained of long waits on hold — Gerald Madison of Ridge Road told of being on hold for four hours before his call was answered. Tom Carter of Laurel Hill Road said he had had more problems in five years with the cable system in Greenbelt than he had experienced in 15 years in Bladensburg. He said that he has found it quicker to drive to Jones' office to report problems, than it is to call them in by phone.

Jones Responds

Karmen Bailey, government and community relations manager for Jones, acknowledged that the company's response times have not been acceptable, although she offered no explanation for why things had gotten so bad. She said that the company hired 20 new customer service

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Toy Soldiers from Brownie Troop 5004 display their prize winning costumes for the "Best Parade Entry."

- photo by Tammy H. Lowry

Brownie Girl Scouts Win Top Toy Parade

by Tammy H. Lowry

Brownie Troop 5004 marched to their own beat as toy soldiers at the 7th Annual Holiday Toy Parade held at Beltway Plaza Mall on Saturday, November 21, and walked away with the $100 grand prize for the "Best Parade Entry."

Beltway Plaza Mall sponsored this annual event to kick off the Prince George's County Toy Drive and welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. The parade consisted of numerous entertainers including dog performers, the Parkdale High School Band, the Northwestern High Pom Pom Squad, the Eleanor Roosevelt High Step Dance Team, double dutchers, a dancing stilt walker, a balloonologist, the Redskinettes and Junior Redskinettes, the Wizards' Dance Team and many, many others.

The Brownies were adorned in glitter and glitz in their toy soldier costumes, top hats and shiny black boots. In spite of the blustery winds, the Brownies had fun and managed to display their smiles throughout the event. The three younger sisters of the Brownies, Kelli Lowry, age 4, Bianca Clement, age 4, and Dana Holland, age 3, marched in the front of the line. Uniforms were sewn by Troop 5004 co-leader, Maria Killian-Clement, with assistance from Marjorie Jones, Jean Clement and Charlotte Neal.

Brownie Troop 5004 toy soldiers appearing in the parade were Amadea Clement, Jasmine Clement, Brittany Freeland, Ashley Harrod, Keyonia Holland, Breeanna Holmes, Kierra Jenkins and Tai Lowry. The Brownies' Troop Leaders are Tammy H. Lowry and Maria Killian-Clement.

Charrette Group Questions Work In View of Metroland Plan

by Virginia Beauchamp

Between the third and fourth charrettes dealing with the Greenbelt Metro site and the surrounding area, a major public relations event, with much hoopla, major media attention, and politicians on display, occurred on October 15. This spectacular was hosted by a group of corporations, known collectively as Metroland Developers, LLC, that touted plans for an upscale regional shopping mall and mixed use property, to be called Greenbelt Station, on the site in question.

Thus those present at the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Planning Group's fourth charrette only nine days later, on October 24, were full of questions about the value of their own enterprise of preparing guidelines, or a preferred concept, for a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) for the same area. Although charrette participants during the next two hours worked carefully through all previously identified issues to reach consensus, many felt that their attention to preserving the fragile wetlands environment had been finessed in the Metroland design concept.

When "Chip" Reed, representing the A. H. Smith Limited Partnership, addressed those present after the charrette's agenda had been completed, they were all suddenly attentive. Reed, who had participated from the beginning in the focus group, was aware that the elegant set of drawings and maps prepared for the media occasion varied from the land use map still being worked out by the planning group. Accompanying him at the final charrette was Greg Ault from EDAW, site planner and designer for Greenbelt Station who had prepared the press packet illustrations and design concept.

Introductory Concepts

Noting that throughout the year owners of the Smith property had been urged to reveal plans for its future development, Reed said: "Now we've started to put something on the table." He was pleased, he said, that the team of companies assembled as Metroland had been chosen by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to develop the combined site. The concepts presented would add "some vitality and some reality" to the Sector Plan process, he said.

Nevertheless, Reed stressed that what had been presented was "just a concept. We feel we're at the beginning, and before the beginning, stages of the process."

The point was made again later by Ault. "We're in an interim process," Ault said. "This is a vision plan. It's not set in stone at all."

Environmental Issues

Reed particularly stressed the importance of environmental issues as the site is developed. These include both flood plain concerns and wetlands, he noted. (In the Metroland's Plan only 48 acres have been designated for park and recreational uses. According to staff from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, about 130 acres are considered environmentally sensitive.)

McCarthy and Associates,

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What Goes On

Fri., Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Festival of Lights Tree Lighting, Municipal Building.

Sat., Sun., Dec. 5-6. Festival of Lights (see ad).

Mon., Dec. 7, 7-9:30 p.m. Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Planning Group Meeting. Municipal Building.

Fri., Dec. 11, 12-2 p.m. Retirement party for Al Markell, Community Center, Multi-purpose Room.

Come Help Santa Light Greenbelt's Holiday Tree

Friday, December 4 will mark the opening of Greenbelt's 27th Annual Festival of Lights. The opening ceremonies and holiday tree lighting will be held at 7 p.m. outside the Municipal Building. The Greenbelt Combined Choir and Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir will present traditional holiday music and caroling. Santa will make an appearance with lights blazing and siren sounding, and help to light a beautifully decorated municipal tree. The Recreation Department will serve refreshments.

Throughout the rest of the weekend the traditional craft show, featuring works by over 50 artists and crafts people, will be open to shoppers at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Special programs for children on Tuesday, December 8, Wednesday, December 9, and Thursday, December 10 will highlight the three different seasonal holidays - Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas respectively.

For complete information see ad.

Letters to the Editor

Doesn't Understand

For some time, I have been puzzled by the lack of public comment on proposals for a massive development at the Greenbelt Metro.

Do you believe that the Metro bureaucracy and their development partners are too powerful? Have you been swayed by promises of "upscale development"?

Has any consideration been given to the increased violent crime that will come with a major development in the area? Armed robberies, for example.

As currently proposed, this development will consist of exactly the wrong things with regard to crime and traffic congestion — high rise apartments, multiplex cinemas, parking garages, etc.

Are we foolish enough to be influenced by the unlikely promise of a Bloomingdale's in Greenbelt? Who in our neighborhood can afford their high prices? How often do you shop there now? Think about it. We are being sold a bill of goods by master salesmen who are working solely for profit.

In 1990, Metro officials, standing in Greenbelt City Council Chambers, said that 78% of the Smith property was classified wetlands or floodplain and that it therefore could not be developed.

Metro officials are on record as having stated that Greenbelt had no right to give input into its decision of who could develop its part of the Metro Station. The opposite is true — it is they who have no right to be land developers. You, Greenbelters, have the power to shape the future of Greenbelt, if you choose it. If not, the decisions will be made for you based on individual greed and profit.

Clearly, I am angry. It is because I feel that bit by bit, my home is being taken away from me. But I honestly do not understand your thoughts on the subject.

Rick Meetre

Go Back To Home?

As I walk away from the Old Greenbelt Theatre this chilly evening, fallen leaves swirling around my feet, I can still hear Dorothy from the re-released 'Wizard of Oz' saying, "There's no place like home! There's no place like home!" Can Greenbelt define what home is?

On one hand we are desperately trying to save the Old Greenbelt Theatre from the disgusting proposition of being turned into a dollar store. Trying to save our past, that old small hometown of the '40s. On the other hand we are fighting annexation of a modern development, Parkside, and embracing the development of an upscale shopping mall. Tyson's Corner East comes to the Greenbelt Metro.

What will this upscale shopping mall bring us? Certainly it will be a classier place for the local teens to hang out. Why hang around Beltway Plaza and the dollar stores when you can cruise in front of Lord and Taylor? And so what will happen to the retail space in Beltway Plaza? Should we expect the appearance of a white elephant soon?

Greenbelt will certainly have a plethora of theaters. There are 14 theaters at Beltway Plaza and four planned for the upscale mall. Perhaps we are deluding ourselves if we really believe that somehow the Old Greenbelt Theatre can survive the competition.

For the privilege of shopping at Neiman Marcus or Bloomingdale's we will have to endure increased traffic congestion on a daily basis. How long does it take you to get down Greenbelt Road now? Can you imagine what the interchange at I-95 and Kenilworth Avenue will be like? I personally do not shop at any of the stores proposed for the upscale mall. If I wanted to shop at them, I'd much rather travel to Bethesda or Annapolis. Putting up with the traffic on an occasional basis is much better than being forced to live with it every day.

And what about any environmental concerns pertaining to this new mall? What about the wetlands around it? Well, according to the Army Corps of Engineers a wetland can be created anywhere. Not a problem. What nature can't do on its own, the Corps of Engineers can!

Perhaps I'm just not being visionary, embracing the inevitable future of our town. After all, the developers have promised us it will be wonderful. They have said that since minority firms will do the development, it will be beneficial to other local minority businesses as well. (Would you explain just how that would work in more detail, please?) The developers have also promised jobs, jobs, jobs. If I'm not mistaken, the vast majority of jobs in retail stores are minimum wage or slightly above. I've seen a lot of 'help wanted' signs in the restaurant businesses along Greenbelt Road.

I wish I were Dorothy. I wish I could click my heels three times and go back to the home I thought I had.

There is a joke going around. It is 'Where is the green in Greenbelt? It's in the developer's pocket.'

Leslie Davies-Hilliard

Splendid Celebration

The Community Thanksgiving Celebration at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on November 25 was splendid.

This ecumenical service under the auspices of the Greenbelt clergy is an unique feature of the City of Greenbelt. Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of Mishkan Torah Synagogue gave the Thanksgiving message, which was thought provoking, and a reflection of God's providence.

The Combined Community Choir was outstanding under the direction of the imperturbable Jean Cook, who is the artful director of music, accompanied by the talented Muriel Balzer.

The service culminated with a standing ovation for Muriel's rendition from Beethoven. The majestic music seemed to reverberate through the sanctuary. It was a time to reflect upon the true meaning of Thanksgiving — to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness as a community. It was an awesome experience!

Margaret Benjamin

Great Greenbelt Kids

We always hear the news about the young people when they are involved in a criminal offense. I think it is time we give some attention to the many wonderful young people who are doing good deeds, like the teens from Roosevelt who spent their Saturday raking yards for the disabled and seniors who are unable to do it. My yard and neighbor, Mr. Shinderman's, took quite awhile with 37 bags of leaves.

With John Taylor of GIVES, they were busy all day around Greenbelt. We want to thank all the wonderful young people and God bless them all. A special thanks to John Taylor for getting all the kids together. Greenbelt is great and you kids are the greatest!

Alverta Shanahan and Nat Shinderman

Thanks

Dear People of Greenbelt,

I want to thank all of you who have been so kind to me and my family as we have been mourning the loss of our beloved husband and father Al Nuzzo. He will be greatly missed by all.

Lorraine Nuzzo and sons, Bob and A.J.

A Season of Thanks

Another holiday season is upon us, and I am looking forward to it in a different reality than I used to. I now observe several holiday thank you rituals. First, having had a successful liver transplant five and a half years ago, I am very thankful to be alive to enjoy another holiday season. At Thanksgiving I offered thanks for the many blessings of my life and for the unique opportunity God has given me to have a new life.

Then in December I will attend the Johns Hopkins Hospital's Holiday Party for transplant patients. It is a festive, life-affirming celebration attended by both pre- and post-transplant patients. There I will see many transplant survivors of all ages, and we will congratulate ourselves on our health and well-being. There will also be patients waiting for transplants, to whom we will offer encouragement and support by our very presence. At this party I will hand a personal holiday thank you card to a transplant nurse to be delivered to my anonymous donor family. I always assure them that I take good care of myself as I treasure the gift of life I received from their loved one. Each year I hope that hearing from me will bring them comfort and joy.

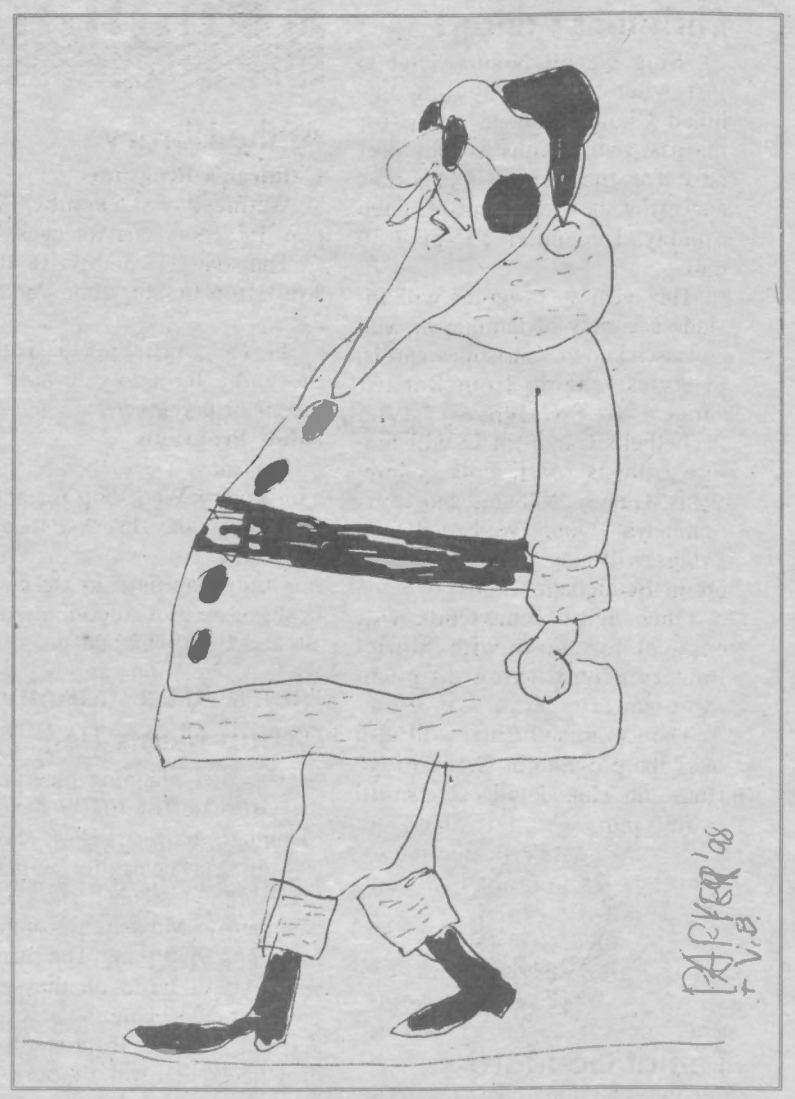
Written words will never be adequate to express my feelings about the generous gift of life they offered me through organ donation. Along with my heartfelt gratitude I hope that the many patients waiting for transplants will have the same opportunity to someday thank a donor family.

I wish more people would consider becoming organ donors. Think about how precious and unpredictable life is. The more potential organ donors there are, the more likely people's lives will be saved should the need for a transplant arise. Don't assume that this will never happen to you or your loved ones. Please, think ahead, become an organ donor, and share this important decision with your family.

For more information about organ donation call the Transplant Resource Center of Maryland, Inc. at 800-641-4376 or the Transplant Recipients International Organization, Inc. at 202-293-0980. They will be happy to answer questions and describe the simple procedure for organ donation.

Clarrissa Beall

The Old Curmudgeon



"Greenbelt's Festival of Lights keeps getting brighter every year!"

Holiday Hours At Post Office

The Greenbelt Post Office has extended its hours for the holiday season. From December 7 to 23 the hours will be: weekdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays December 12 and 19: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays December 13 and 20: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Community Events

Local Choir Gives Christmas Concert

"Sing we all Noel." That is just what the Greenbelt Combined Choir has been doing for the past two months as they prepare for the annual Christmas concert at the Community Church Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's program will include a variety of familiar as well as lesser known Christmas carols, in styles ranging from Renaissance to Calypso style. Pachelbel's Canon in D will feature soloists Marti Folk, Ginny Wells, Ginney Williams and Chris Fominaya. Ginny Wells and Julia Briggs will sing a duet, "Strangers in Bethlehem."

Once again Jean Cook will conduct the choir with Muriel Balzer accompanying on piano and organ.

The Combined Choir will also offer the program at Green Ridge House on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Fun at Goddard

NASA/Goddard Visitors Center will be launching model rockets for spectators, weather permitting, on Saturday Dec. 5 at 1 p.m., coat free. For more information call 301-286-8981

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The program will feature a demonstration of Hannukah foods.

The speaker at the Nov. 25 meeting, Mr. Markowich, proved to be very interesting and he gave thorough answers to questions posed by members about Riderwood Village, an assisted living development which is being built on the former Great Oaks Center property which is close to the Prince George's-Montgomery County border. Information folders were available for those interested. Also there are numbers to call for those persons not at the meeting who would like this information.

Joe Wilkerson announced the Saturday, December 5, event "Breakfast with Santa" to be held at the Greenbelt Fire House and which is sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Greenbelt American Legion.

The Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service, held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, was very nice and well-attended. Church members also served refreshments. Thanks to all who were involved especially the speakers and the Greenbelt Combined Choir under the direction of Jean Cook. The choir's annual Christmas concert will be held on Sunday evening, December 13, at the Greenbelt Community Church. Come out and be in for a treat.

Condolences go to the family of Cathy Foster Shiflett, who died recently. Many Greenbelters went to school with her children, some of whom are still Greenbelters.

Come to the meetings and join in on all of the holiday season events going on around town.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, December 9, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.

Thursday, December 10, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5.

11:15 a.m. Tickly Toddle Storytime for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Programs

Saturday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Workshop for adults. A reading and discussion group for adults.

On display through December: Foster Care and Adoption materials and Children's Art.

Metro Area Planning Group Meets Dec. 7

The first planning meeting of the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Planning Group to follow the series of four charrettes will take place in the Greenbelt city council chamber on Monday, December 7 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The meeting agenda will build on the set of goals for developing the Metro site and the A.H. Smith property and their integration with the surrounding communities that were developed by consensus of all participants in the charrette process.

The meeting is open to the public.

RESULTS Group Forming in City

A brunch to introduce local citizens to a grass-roots lobby group, Resolve to End Starvation Using Legislative Trimtabbing and Support (RESULTS), will be held at the residence of Sandra Roberts, 132 Northway, on Sunday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. According to Roberts, citizens can have an impact on the hunger and poverty of 35,000 children a day. "When I began my own participation with RESULTS, we were speaking of 40,000 child deaths per day, so I have seen the impact concerned citizens can make," Roberts said. People who plan to attend should call Sandra at 301-474-3506.

GIVES Seeks Data

GIVES officers urge all member participants to send in a list of the credits they have earned by December 31 to the GIVES office at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, or to call them at 301-507-6580. As of January 15 GIVES will send each participant a record of credit hours and accrued mileage for the past year.

Women's Support Group Forming

There is still time to join the Greenbelt CARES Women's Support Group. The group, which will meet Monday nights, is geared toward helping women who are or have been involved in verbally, physically, or emotionally abusive relationships. Some of the topics will include communication skills, dealing with conflict in the home, building self-esteem, assertiveness and decision-making. The group is confidential and free of charge.

Anyone who might be interested in this group should drop by on Monday, December 7 to get information and meet the group leaders. Come by the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road between 4 and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Heather or Leslie at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

GHI Notes

December 7, the Marketing Committee meets in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

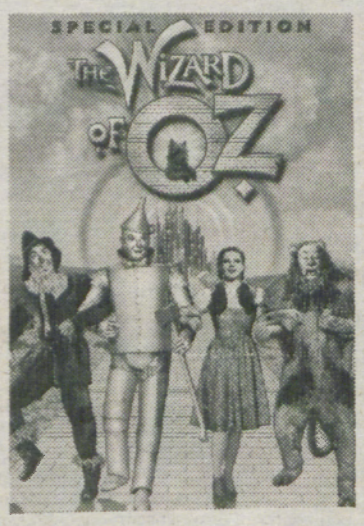
December 9, the Woodlands Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Library and the Architecture and Environment Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Learn How to Make Gifts from the Kitchen

The public is invited to a free, public service program on Thursday, December 10, 7-8:30 p.m., entitled "Holiday Traditions - Gifts from the Kitchen." This presentation will be held in the Senior Conference Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. Participants will learn how to create inexpensive gifts in the comfort of their own kitchen. This program by staff from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, is sponsored by the Co-op supermarket/pharmacy. Complimentary snacks and light refreshments will be served.

LaLeche League Meets December 15

The LaLeche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "The Father and Siblings of the Breastfed Baby." Pregnant or breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information call Heather at 301-345-1859.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

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7:30, 9:40
Sun. (5:00 @ $3), 7:30
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Explore Immigrants Of Baltimore

On Friday, December 11, Explorations Unlimited presents "In Search of a Better Life: Baltimore's 19th Century Immigrants." The presenter is Josephine Marbury, of the Maryland Historical Society. From Germany, Ireland, Poland and Eastern Europe, they came to Baltimore, second only to Ellis Island as a gateway for immigrants. For those who stayed, the city offered jobs and welcome.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Chorale Presents Christmas Concert

The University of Maryland Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 8 at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel at the College Park campus. Jesse Parker will conduct the chorale in a program of seasonal music, featuring Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" in honor of the composer's 75th anniversary. In addition, there will be holiday carols with audience participation. Accompaniment will be provided by organist Theodore Guerrant and a brass quartet. Admission is free. Parking is available in Lot Y behind the Chapel or Lot C across the street. For additional information call 301-405-1150.

"Some Like It Hot" At Community Center

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month at the Community Center will be held on Monday, December 14 at 1 p.m. in the senior lounge.

The film "Some Like It Hot" with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe is a hilarious movie about two musicians running from mobsters after witnessing a gangland slaying. The fun begins when they join Monroe's all-girl orchestra.

Students to Perform Winter Concert

by Rena Hull

A musical holiday treat is expected as the Eleanor Roosevelt High School holds its Winter Concert on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to the high school's auditorium to hear musical presentations by three ERHS groups: the Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Band and Concert Band III.

Members of the Symphony Orchestra from Greenbelt are Subramanian Iyer, PaRa Noh, and Catherine Schreiber.

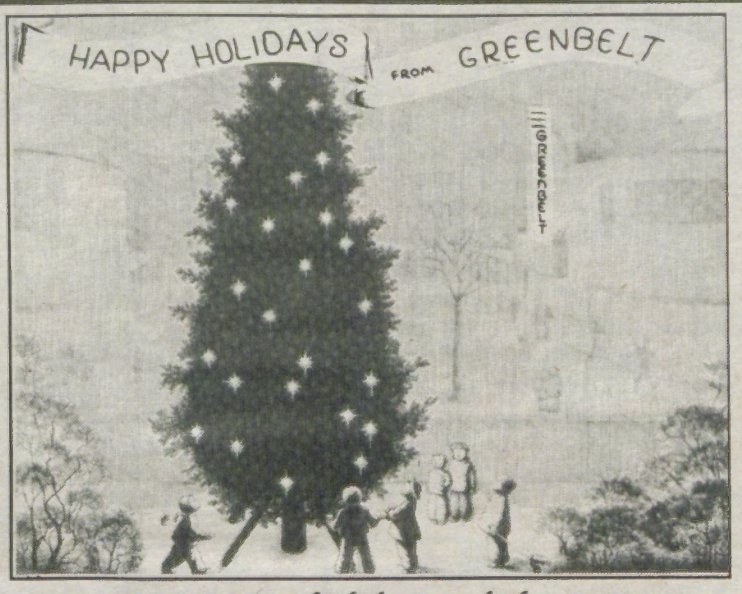
Performing in the Symphonic Band are Bukola Akinsiku, Kyle Brady, Lauren Byers, Christopher Fominaya, Gabriel Hendricks, Kateri Hull, Ti'Aire Jackson, Ben Kepler, Keith Loh, Sara Lychenheim, Christine Maher, James Miers, Eddie Serrano, Kevin Skolnik, Marcella Smid, Darryl Stevens, Nooshin Sturdivant, Michael Wilson, Nathan Yokel, and Carla Zamudio-Dolan.

Performers in Concert Band III include Latoya Best, Michael Bond, Jonathan Coleman, Kristal Foerter, Tima Hawes, Adrienne Haynes, Derick Jones, Eleanor Kim, Doo Park, Michael Rogers, Melinda Thomas, Cherise Tidwell, Joseph Weaver, and William Wilson.

The community is also invited to attend the Concerto Concert on Friday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. featuring the ERHS Chamber Orchestra and soloists. These concerts are free and open to the public.

Greenbriar Hosts Children's Party

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children 12 and under are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room. There will be a special guest appearance by Santa. Lunch will be served at noon. Parents may bring cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa. Admission is free but parents need to RSVP by Thursday, December 10. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call 301-441-1096 to RSVP or to volunteer.



Get your holiday cards here!

New for 1998—Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) are selling this original holiday greeting card sent by the David Granahan family 50 years ago. The holiday card, along with pens, books, Art Deco mugs and an etched-glass Greenbelt ornament, are available at the Greenbelt Museum Gift Shop (open 1-5 Sundays) and at the FOGM table during the craft show, Dec. 5-6 at the Community Center. (Look for FOGM in the Senior Art Gallery, 1st floor.)

OBITUARIES



Catherine Foster Shiflett

Catherine Foster Shiflett, 67, a retired business manager for the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, died of cancer on November 24 at the Washington Hospice.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Shiflett relocated to 36 Court of Ridge Road in 1957. She served on several GHI committees, as a Republican Chief Judge, and as treasurer of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee for many years. While raising her eight children, Mrs. Shiflett was also active in Little League, Swim Team, and various PTA organizations. She moved to Riverdale in 1979 when her family more than outgrew the original two bedroom townhouse.

In 1996, with her children grown, Mrs. Shiflett returned to Greenbelt and resided in the University Square Apartments for two years before moving back into GHI. She remained an active member of the American Legion Post 136 Ladies Auxiliary and St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Her hobbies included dabbling in the stock market, traveling, making intriguing beaded creations, and frequent trips to Atlantic City with her many friends.

Survivors include her husband of 20 years, William L. (Lou) Shiflett of Greenbelt; three daughters, Kathleen Fominaya of Greenbelt, Tricia Mumford of Jefferson, and Anne Marie Seek of Finksburg; five sons, Pat Foster of Frederick, Mike Foster of Arlington, Kevin Foster of Severn, Tim Foster of McHenry, and Danny Foster of Greenbelt; two brothers, Ken Pierce of New York and Ed Pierce of Florida; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's on Saturday, November 28, followed by interment at Greenbelt Cemetery.

William Joseph Grennon, Sr.

Former Greenbelter William Joseph Grennon, Sr., 73, died of complications from hip replacement surgery on Friday, November 20, 1998. A Greenbelt activist, Mr. Grennon lived in Greenbelt from 1980 to 1989. After leaving the city to live with his son in Beltsville, he remained active in Greenbelt programs.

Mr. Grennon served in the U.S. Navy in World War II on the USS Jacob Jones. He worked for the Government Printing Office as a bookbinder, retiring in 1980.

In Greenbelt Mr. Grennon was very active in the Senior Softball League. He was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and American Legion Post 136. He took part in activities in the Recreation Center.

He is survived by a son William J. Grennon, Jr., Beltsville; daughters Carol M. Hall, Kensington, and Catherine R. Kennedy, Bowie; sisters Catherine Poole and Dorothy Kirby; and five grandchildren. His wife Hazel died in 1989.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Hugh's Church. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

"Project Thanksgiving" A Great Success

Riders participating in "Project Thanksgiving," a system-wide food drive sponsored by TheBus, Prince George's County's community transit system, have contributed to a happier Thanksgiving for county seniors by donating non-perishable foods in place of fares recently. From November 16-20, bus operators received over 25 boxes of canned and packaged food from passengers for the county's needy seniors.

Flyers have been posted on all TheBus buses to thank passengers for their generous contributions to "Project Thanksgiving."

The county's Department of Public Works and Transportation currently operates 17 TheBus routes for Prince George's County residents. TheBus provides community service on most routes from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. For specific route, ticket, or schedule information, call 301-883-5656.

Families of Mentally Ill Can Find Support

The Alliance for the mentally ill will hold a family support group meeting on Tuesday, December 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Prince George's Health Department, Lower Level, in Cheverly (across from Prince George's Hospital).

A second family support group will be held on Wednesday, December 9 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Dyer Health Clinic, 9314 Piscataway Road, Clinton.

A workshop for aging caregivers of relatives with major mental illness will be held on Tuesday, December 10 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at the State Highway Administration Building, 9300 Kenilworth Avenue. There is a fee and pre-registration is required. For information call Agnes Hatfield at 301-982-2053.

Photo Club Tours Local Photo Lab

The Greenbelt Photo Club will hold its December 8 meeting at United Photo, 5005 Garrett Avenue, Beltsville, at 7:30 p.m. Owner-manager Dave Smith has invited interested photographers to tour the facility and learn about this full-service custom photo lab. All are welcome but space is limited. To reserve a space on the tour or for more information please call 301-779-6576.

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'Tis the Season

Youngest Vendor Makes a Sale

by Angie Noyes for Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten

Ready I stood, seasoned shopper, my wallet snapped, purse zipped, resolve strong. After spending more than I should have already, I was unwilling to fall for even the most skillful sales pitch. Then I came to 11-year-old Lauren Schreiber's KidPin table at the Annual Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten's Holiday Shopping Party this past November.



Lauren Schreiber with KidPins

Lauren, the event's youngest vendor, was perched on a folding chair behind her table of lapel pins. "They're great presents," she offered. "They're for a really good cause, too." Her voice matched her earnest look. Lauren had taken on the job of selling KidPins as a fund raiser for both her alma mater nursery school and for ACY, Advocates for Children and Youth.

The unique, handmade pins came with cards, which Lauren assembled, giving a brief description of a certain child in Maryland who has suffered from serious health problems, domestic violence, or abuse. ACY speaks for the needs of these children in the legislature, throughout Maryland communities, and in the media.

I just couldn't walk past this table. I obligingly looked over the seven rows of pins, about 15 across: there were little girls made of polymer clay in cute skirts and colorful shirts, small boys in bright play clothes, active babies in adorable outfits. My wallet was still snapped, but these pins were beckoning, and Lauren saw I was vulnerable.

"They're all different except these two," she said. Lauren enthusiastically pointed to pins with flashy shoes, the stylish clothes of another, the hairdo of one on the top row.

I bought two. My only delay was in deciding which ones to leave for other shoppers. Lauren grinned.

For more information on Advocates for Children and Youth, phone 410-547-9200, or visit their web page at: http:\\www.acy.org. Look for KidPins again next year at GNS&K's Annual Holiday Shopping Party in late October or early November.

Local Realtor Sponsors Toy Drive

In order to give the underprivileged children of the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area a chance to experience joy this holiday season, Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors will be participating, in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, as a Toys for Tots sponsor. Every one of Coldwell Banker Stevens' 24 offices will serve as a drop off point for donations.

Coldwell Banker Stevens' office will serve as an official collection center until December 19 for toy donations to Toys for Tots. The public is encouraged to participate by donating new, unwrapped toys to the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, 7213 Hanover Parkway #210.

Holiday Candlelight Tours at Marietta

Marietta House Museum will glow December 4, 5, and 6 for its annual holiday candlelight tours. Featured are decorations reflecting the Federal, Civil War and late Victorian eras, as well as live music and light refreshments. Marietta is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale. Candlelight tour hours are Friday and Saturday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. The museum, decorated for the holidays, will be open Fridays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4 p.m., December 11 through 27. Holiday group tours are available at other times by appointment. There is a fee. For more information, call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

Santa to Help Light Community Tree

Friday, December 4 will mark the opening of Greenbelt's 27th Annual Festival of Lights. The opening ceremonies and holiday tree lighting will be held at 7 p.m. outside the Municipal Building. The Greenbelt Combined Choir and Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir will present traditional holiday music and caroling. Santa will make an appearance with lights blazing and siren sounding, and help to light a beautifully decorated municipal tree. The Recreation Department will serve refreshments. On Saturday, Santa will be featured at the Community Breakfast with Santa at the Fire Hall from 7 a.m. to noon.

Throughout the rest of the weekend the traditional craft show, featuring works by over 50 artists and crafts people, will be open to shoppers at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Special programs for children on Tuesday, December 8, Wednesday, December 9, and Thursday, December 10 will highlight the three different seasonal holidays - Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas respectively.

For complete information see ad on page 11.

Bah, Humbug!

The Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc. presents "A Christmas Carol" adapted from the story by Charles Dickens. "A Christmas Carol" tells of the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge who is taught the true meaning of Christmas.

Performances are at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly on December 10, 11, 12 at 8 p.m., and December 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. There is a fee.

Reservations are recommended. For information and reservations call 301-277-1710 or 301-277-0312 (TTY).

Give to Toy Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents, in conjunction with the Lions Club, are sponsoring a toy drive this year from now to December 18. Toys will be distributed to children throughout Greenbelt, the county and to children who are hospitalized. Residents can bring new or used toys to the Game Room in the Community Building. For more information, please call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

Tips for Buying Toys

Shopping for toys and games this holiday season can be an enjoyable, nostalgic experience, as shoppers recall the toys they enjoyed as children. Stepping into todays toy stores, however, can be an overwhelming experience because they are chock-full of far too many products making a claim on one's attention. The experience can be frustrating if the buyer is trying to find items that will hold a child's attention, and at the same time, provide a positive learning experience.

In looking for a successful toy or game, something that will add to a child's growth and development, shoppers may want to consider the following questions, adapted from guidelines developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children:

1. Is the toy appropriate and safe for the age of the child?
2. Will the child be interested enough to play with it over and over again for several minutes, or even an hour?
3. Is it constructed well? Will it hold up to lots of use?
4. Is the child's power and imagination required to operate the toy?
5. Will the child feel successful when using this toy? Does it challenge the child's abilities just enough?
6. Can the toy grow with the child? Will it still be appealing in a year? For several years?
7. Can the child use the toy in different ways? Can it be used creatively?
8. Will it help the child learn about other people, nature, how things work?

When buying toys for young children, safety should be the greatest concern. Safe toys for young children are well-made, with no splinters or parts that will pinch; painted with non-toxic, lead-free paint; shatter-proof; easily cleaned; not electric or battery-operated; and free of button eyes or small parts that can come off.

Children learn through play and they need a variety of toys that challenge them to develop their bodies and minds.

Hard of Hearing Holiday Social

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People's Prince George's County group will hold their holiday social on Thursday, December 10, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Come enjoy humorous skits and tips for participating with family and friends in holiday gatherings. Bring a friend and bring finger foods to share. For further information call 301-474-0345.

Greenbriar Gives Senior Lunch

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks senior citizens and a guest are invited to a Christmas party in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, December 15, at noon. Seniors will be treated to lunch and sounds of the season. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event should call Tina Murphy. Admission is free but attendees should RSVP to 301-441-1096 by Tuesday, December 8, or this event will be canceled.

See Page 3 for Other Seasonal Events

There are families throughout our community that must do without during this Holiday Season. We are asking anyone who can, to donate items such as canned and dry food, toiletries, cookies, fruit, candy, gloves, scarves or other items for these families. GHI has set up a box in the reception area for donations. Please stop by GHI and give so that others can enjoy a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

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6:45 p.m. "Toys for Needy Kids Parade"
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John G. Richardson

Richardson Honored By Air Traffic Assn.

John G. Richardson, a resident of Greenbelt and 36-year veteran of the air traffic control community, has been honored with the Clifford Burton Medallion Award for lifetime achievement by the Air Traffic Control Association. The award was presented on Tuesday, November 3, during ATCA's 43rd annual convention in Atlantic City.

Richardson started as a controller in 1953 and completed his federal service in 1989 as manager of the agency's Central Flow Control Facility in Washington, DC. He currently is senior consulting engineer for air traffic control programs with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) in Rockville.

At the ceremony Richardson was cited for his contributions in developing the concepts and design of the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center in Herndon, VA, now considered the operations cornerstone of the National Airspace System.

In his present position, Richardson leads the CSC software development and design group responsible for traffic flow management and automated sequencing systems. He is project manager of CSC's Departure Spacing Program (DSP), which was prototyped and field-tested at Los Angeles-based airports and currently is being installed and implemented by the FAA in the New York City and Philadelphia areas. DSP provided visual display of current/future predicted flights, identifying each flight with an appropriate FAA flight plan and control information.

The Richardsons have three sons, two of whom are air traffic controllers.

CABLE

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representatives in October and is continuing to hire. In addition, Jones' has hired a consultant to look at the entire system to see what must be done to improve service. She admitted that the local operations is "light years away" from meeting their own service standard of answering 90 percent of calls within 30 seconds. Given the current level of problems, she would not venture an estimate of when response times would be back to acceptable levels. The company also has 23 fewer technicians than it needs, she said, so that when callers do get through they may still face lengthy waits for service.

Afflerbach said that the problem goes beyond the number of customer service representatives. Typically, a cable company should expect 10 percent of its subscribers to call its service line during a month. Bailey noted that during September and October the company received more calls than it has subscribers. Both Bailey and Afflerbach concluded that the long-term solution to the customer service problems is to improve the underlying infrastructure of the system. Bailey said that the system problems are "absolutely not" a sign that Jones' is getting lax as it prepares to sell the system. She also explained that the company is not being sold, but that Comcast is seeking to purchase the shares previously owned by Bell Canada, plus the chairman's super voting shares, which would give it control of the company.

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Palau said that the terms outlined in the memorandum of understanding seek to address the problems raised by the speakers at the hearing. The company will be required to upgrade the system within three years of the franchise renewal, extend the use of fiber optic cable, and implement system status monitoring to quickly identify outages and problem areas. Customers are to be automatically credited for a full day's charges if the system is out for more than six hours (pro-rated credits are to be given for shorter outages).

The agreement will also provide customer service standards, including response to telephone calls, with monetary penalties for noncompliance. The amounts of such penalties have not yet been established, although Palau said that they would increase daily.

The system will remain "dual cable" with A and B tracks. This setup is not compatible with cable-ready televisions and VCRs or with many universal remotes. Bailey noted that many stores (as well as Jones) sell remotes that will switch between the A and B tracks. Afflerbach said that local jurisdictions do not have the authority under FCC regulations to control the type of system provided. In addition, it would be necessary to reduce the number of channels offered if the system were converted to single cable. (Councilmember Thomas White did not find this argument compelling describing many of the channels on the basic service (the unscrambled B channels) as "junk.")

New services will also be offered, including a countywide Institutional Network and cable modem service for Internet access. Bailey noted that "We've got to do better by you if we want to sell you additional services."

Winter/Holiday Blues Program at Laurel

Laurel Regional Hospital is offering a free community program entitled "Getting in the Holiday Spirit" on Wednesday, December 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's J. Russell Jones Room.

David Homme, LCSW-C, will discuss the differences between depression and the winter blues, how to minimize the blues, and how to make sure that one's holiday expectations are not too high.

To register, call Public Affairs and Development at 301-497-7914 or 410-792-7636.

Translate Spanish For Law Foundation

The Law Foundation of Prince George's County is seeking volunteer Spanish/English translators. For more information call Ellen Bingham at 301-864-8353.



Miss Greenbelt, Joi Loretz, presented a trophy to the Greenbriar Community Association board of directors and thanked them for sponsoring her in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. Left to right: Gary Thomas, Dorothy Pyles, Joi, John Lynch, and Barbara Smith.

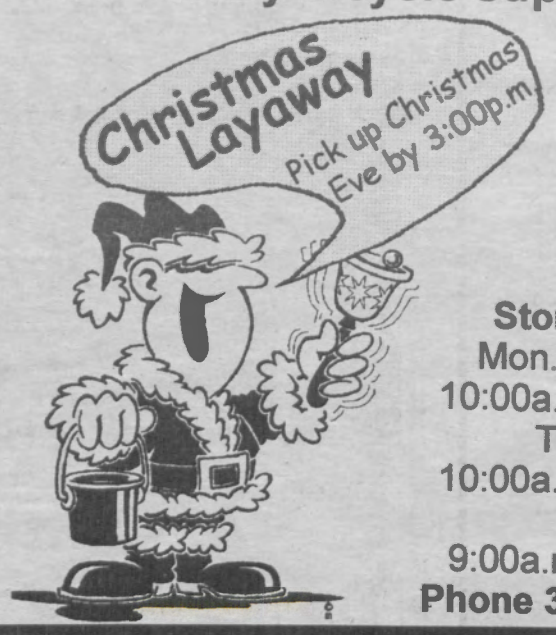


At the September Greenbriar Community Association Board Meeting, John Lynch, president, presented Certificates of Appreciation to former Little Miss Greenbelt, Kimberly Wynkoop and former Junior Miss Greenbelt, Jessica O'Connor, for their assistance at Greenbriar events over the last year.

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CHARRETTE

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which specializes in environmental matters, has been engaged to lead this study for Metroland, Reed said. They will be working closely with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Maryland Department of the Environment to evaluate these aspects of the property and accommodate future development to them.

Design Concept

Ault's presentation emphasized the mixed use development his planning team was trying to put together. On the preliminary map he showed what was expected to be "a very animated streetscape." Most of it south of the major department stores would be pedestrian space, he said. With nearby parking structures, most cars would be off the streets. "Cars would be second; people, first," he said. Currently the planning team was looking at a "riverine parkway" through the Smith tract, which is shown on the Metroland design as a series of ponds and possible lake. But he acknowleged that stormwater management issues and maybe wetlands reclamations, requiring further study, might alter these options.

At the north end, on the present Metro parking lot, the plan envisions as many as four upscale retail stores and a hotel. Companies of this quality, mandated in CB 35, typically invest as much as $20 million in architectural and site planning, Reed said, answering a question about the possible architectural design for Greenbelt Station. (CB 35, passed by the Prince George's County Council in May, will enable the commercial/residential development of the property without resort to a rezoning amendment.)

The anchor department store company would insist on design guidelines, Reed said. "They will make a very serious study." He appraised the site as "fantastic" for retail opportunities.

Ault praised its promise as a model for smart growth, the Maryland initiative that encourages and manages urban growth where transit facilities are already in place. Ault praised the State of Maryland in this regard as a national leader.

Charrette Resolution

Thirty-seven persons attended the final charrette. Of these 14 were Sector Planning Group members and 10 professional planners and municipal representatives. Others were members of the public.

They endorsed the Preferred Concept previously developed following one major, and several minor, revisions. At Greenbelt's urging, all retail components from the so-called node at Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Lane, seen as a secondary focal point stimulating pedestrian movement to the Metro site, would be eliminated.

Other elements of the preferred concept include: 1) passive recreational uses, such as interpretive wildlife overlooks and hiker-biker trails within the environmentally sensitive area, and wetlands mitigation within the Indian Creek watershed; 2) Beltway access; 3) mixed-use development, including residential, retail, office, hotel, public facilities and open space; 4) a staged redevelopment of Springhill Lake; 5) pedestrian linkage between Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza; 6) completion of the proposed expansion of Capital Office Park west and south of the Federal Courthouse; 7) relocation of school bus parking to make way for possible recreational uses of the bus lot; 8) hiker-biker trails linking the core area with the USDA headquarters, Lake Artemesia, and the Hollywood community; and increased transit mobility options at the Metro station; 9) an internal road, around 800 feet east of the railroad, connecting WMATA and Greenbelt Road; 10) revitalization of the Greenbelt Road corridor, including four "gateways" and attractive signage; 11) revitalization of the commercial district in Hollywood; 12) eventual replacement of the industrial zone west of the railway in Branchville with residential development; and 13) infill with residential development of an undeveloped property in Hollywood.

City Honors Volunteers Both Past and Present

by Al Geiger

Members of the many and various Greenbelt Advisory boards and committees were treated to a buffet supper on Sunday evening, November 22, at the Community Center. The affair, catered by Jo Sherill and sponsored by the city, was to honor all volunteers, past and present, who have served on official city boards and committees.

Mayor Judith Davis, assisted by the rest of the city council, awarded thirty-two service pins to people presently serving on boards and committees. Twenty people received five-year pins; seven received 10-year pins; three received 15-year pins. Hugh Jascourt received a 20-year pin and Joe Wilkinson received a 25-year pin.

Former volunteers who retired within the last year received a certificate suitable for framing. Retired volunteers (14) having served five to ten years received a watch with the Greenbelt logo on the face. Those having served 10 to 20 years (12) received an engraved free-standing plaque. And those having served more than 20 years (6) received a miniature Mother and Child statue.

Deceased volunteers Ben Rosenzweig, Al Herling, Dial Silvers, Rev. Kenneth Buker and Tony Pisano will each have a tree planted in the city in their memory.



Part of the crowd enjoying the program at the buffet supper honoring the Greenbelt Advisory boards and committee volunteers.

- photo by Bev Palau



Al Cousin accepts a Mother and Child statue, in honor of his 20 years on the Community Relations Advisory Board, from the city council at a buffet supper for the advisory board and committee members November 22.

- photo by Bev Palau

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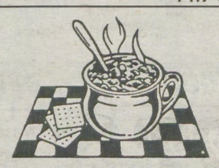
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Join us for a FREE PUBLIC SERVICE seminar entitled
HOLIDAY TRADITIONS—Gifts From The Kitchen
presented by staff from Univ. of Maryland Co-op Extension Service. Complimentary refreshments and snacks will be served.
WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 10th, 7 pm
WHERE: Senior Conference Room, Greenbelt Community Center

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"Wizard" Still Popular, More Festivals Planned

by Altoria Bell Ross

The owner of the Old Greenbelt Theater had much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. Movie goers took enough time out from their turkey dinners to see "The Wizard of Oz" this past week.

"That was pretty good," said Paul Sanchez of the movie's attendance in its fourth week. He said the turnout was 20 percent above that of the newer movie, "Practical Magic" that also shared the theater. He said he hoped the classic that will continue to show during this week had attracted new movie goers who would come back. "Time will tell."

One new customer may very well. Martha Loutsch who had moved from Minnesota to Greenbelt a week ago enjoyed seeing the movie on Friday, November 27, so did her nine-year-old daughter, Annie.

"It was good because it was on a big screen," she said. Her four-year-old sister Mary liked the movie for another reason, "The witch," she said. Loutsch said because of her family's positive experience, she had signed up with Friends of the Greenbelt Theater. She is not alone. More than 300 people are on the mailing list, and close to 50 have joined, said Sarah Schaffer, the spokeswoman for the Save the Greenbelt Theater campaign and Greenbelt recreation coordinator. Todd Johnson of Greenbelt said not only had his wife, Lil, joined the group, but had seen the movie twice with their daughters. His family encouraged him and his brother-in-law Joe Levy of Chicago to see it.

"It's great. It's quality," Johnson said. "It's good to have the color restored."

Incentives Offered

To keep the momentum going, Sanchez is offering his customers an incentive to return. Last week, the theater began giving out frequent movie coupons. The patron presents the coupon at each visit and after the fifth movie, he gets in free.

More special events are tentatively being scheduled for this month's "Classic Movie Week." On Friday, December 18, members of the Greenbelt City Council, Governor Parris Glendening, and county officials have been invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the showing of "The King and I" on December 18 and 19 and "The Sound of Music" on December 20 through 23. W. Bowman Ferguson, city senior management analyst, said these plans are still in the making that also include possible free giveaways such as concessions and CD soundtracks of the musicals.

The film festivals continue into the new year. On January 22, the theater will feature Alfred Hitchcock movies.

String Quartet Holds An Open Rehearsal

The Guarneri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal on Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. They will be reading through Quintet for Trumpet and Strings (1990), by Eric Ewazen, with Chris Gekker on trumpet. They will also rehearse Anton Dvorak's Terzetto for Two Violins and Viola in C Major, Op. 74. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information call 301-405-1150 or e-mail to concerts@deans.umd.edu.

Winter Jazz Showcase At National Archives

The University of Maryland School of Music will present the Annual Winter Jazz Showcase on Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the National Archives and Records Administration at College Park. Big Band music from the swing era to the most contemporary will be performed, including works by Hancock, Davis, Coltrane and others. Admission is free; no tickets are required. For directions and information call 301-405-1150.

PLACE YOUR HOLIDAY GREETING IN THE NEWS REVIEW 301-474-4131

The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

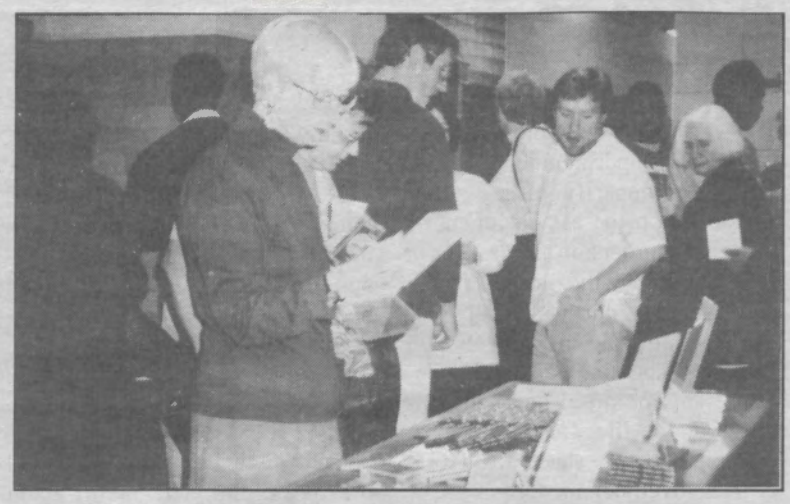
Favorite Russian Masters was the theme of the concert Saturday November 21 at High Point High School.

The Prince George's Philharmonic with Charles Ellis as conductor started the 8 p.m. concert with Rachmaninoff and concluded the second half with Shostakovich. Rachmaninoff's selection was the piano Concerto #2 in C minor, opus 18. Eric Conway was the pianist.

Russians have a thing about music, reflecting their long and interesting history. Words like passion and fire come to mind. Baring one's soul and giving the music emotion are the bread and butter of their music writing. Dr. Conway must have been out sick the day they taught about Russian composers because his performance could only be called uninspired, colorless, and lacking in passion — he may have hit all the notes, but it's what you do with those notes that make it interesting. I was told by another concert-goer who is familiar with the piano that he made a number of mistakes. The Philharmonic backing him up, because of the acoustics, had to ease up or they would have drowned Eric Conway's piano efforts.

The second half featured the Philharmonic and Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony #5, opus 47. Under Charles Ellis the orchestra was able to give the #5 the attention it deserved. Reminiscent of Leonard Bernstein and the children's concerts, Ellis gave a brief history of the piece and had the orchestra play parts to show what Dmitri had in mind. The Philharmonic has a good string section and I must say it was a good job, well done.

Before the concert, County Councilwoman Audrey E. Scott received an honor from the Philharmonic by the dedication of first chair second violin in her name for her support of the arts.



People attending "My Sister's Sister" in the community center, pick up information on mental illness. - photo by Judy Nelson

"Linear Expressions" Exhibit at Montpelier

Montpelier Cultural Arts Center resident artists Sushama Parikh and Pamela Lawton will join forces for an exhibit titled "Linear Expressions," to be on display through December 31. A public reception to honor both artists will be held on December 6 from 2 - 4 p.m.

For more information please call 301-953-1993 or 410-792-

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Saturday, December 5	Tracy McDonnell, from the group Estrogenic performing her solo act on guitar & keyboard
Sunday, December 6	Closed
Friday, December 11	Swivel, youthful & exciting great voice, new songs recommended by Fire Dean
Saturday, December 12	Trimuphant return of Tom & Cal
Friday, December 18	Jeff King & Friends, great bluegrass music & folk—1998 WAMY nominee
Saturday, December 19	Cliff Art, Jazzy & experimental, foreign yet familiar—a whole new sound
Fri & Sat, December 25 & 26	Closed

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
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Greenbelt Arts Center
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Written by: Katherine Dubois
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December 7th and 8th 7:00-9:00 PM
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French Program at Roosevelt Pulled from Consideration

by Mary Moien

School Superintendent Jerome Clark temporarily pulled from consideration the establishment of a French immersion program at a high school in the northern area of the county during the November 19 meeting of the Prince George's County Board of Education. This proposal had been announced at the October board meeting and was slated for a vote at the November meeting.

History

Rogers Heights Elementary School has, for some years, been a designated French immersion elementary school for the Magnet Program. As students finished their elementary school years there, these students were assigned to Greenbelt Middle School and a French immersion program was established there. Now these students are slated to graduate and move on to Central High School for the final level of the program. However, parents have requested that students be moved to Eleanor Roosevelt High School instead of going to Central High School which is in the central area of the county.

Meeting

At the November meeting Clark indicated that this issue may not be decided in one meeting. He proposed that the Committee of 100 review the plan and respond. He is interested in maintaining diversity but commented that citizens must be heard also. School board member Kenneth Johnson opined that it may be necessary to consult with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on changes in magnet programs. Clark responded that the NAACP had been requested in general to participate and provide input within the framework of the Committee of 100 and had declined to do so.

Greenbelt school board member Suzanne Plogman described the participation drop off from middle school to high school for the program at Central. Another member, Doyle Niemann, disputed this indicating that about 50 percent of the students who were slated to go to the French immersion program at Central did go there, with approximately 25 percent going to Roosevelt, presumably for the science and technology program instead of staying in the French immersion program.

School board chairman, Alvin Thornton, effectively brought the issue to a close by arguing that Clark had brought no data to support the need for a northern area program, only the concerns of parents. Among other issues, he questioned how much staff and funds would be needed to establish another program. At this stage, Clark agreed to pull his recommendation from consideration at the present time. Plogman then asked him not to pull the recommendation as she felt that there were enough votes to pass it with a possible amendment, but the issue remained pulled.

Student Writers Win For their Books

by Carolyn Price

The Write-A-Book Festival, an annual event in Prince George's County schools, held an awards ceremony for the winners on November 5 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Among the winners from 39 county elementary, middle and high schools were three students from Greenbelt Middle School and two from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

From Greenbelt Middle School, Honorable Mention in the Picture Story Book category went to 7th grader Alhaji A. Sall for "The New Boy," a picture story book.

Jonathan Flores, 7th grade, received an Honorable Mention for his book "My Brother's Not from this Planet," in the Illustrated Fiction category.

Two students, Katie Shin and Jiyeun Kwon, co-authored a book of poetry titled "Adventures" and received a third place win.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Solmaz Zabiheian, grade 12, won first place for her picture story book, "My Special New Year" and 12th grader Charligne Lee won third place for her picture story book, "Korean New Year."

The students all received medals and engraved plaques.

The Write-A-Book Festival is sponsored by the county Office of Library Media Services and the Educational Media Association of Prince George's County. There were a total of 1,050 entries.

ACE Seeks More Book Donations to Schools

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) sponsors two programs for Greenbelt citizens that support the local schools — the Buy-A-Book program and the ACE scholarship program. People looking for ways to support their local schools or honor a special teacher during the holiday season may wish to participate in these programs.

Through the Buy-A-Book program, people can add to the educational resources at the schools Greenbelt children attend as their neighborhood school by purchasing books for the schools' libraries. ACE has collected a wish list from the schools, which is available at Greenbelt's two bookstores — Bookland in Beltway Plaza and Crown Books at Greenway Center. If donors wish to honor a special student or person, bookplates are available at the schools or from ACE committee members.

In 1998, ACE offered its first two scholarships to the students receiving ACE awards from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The $500 scholarships were for the students' continuing education. ACE plans to continue the scholarship program and is seeking donations from Greenbelt citizens, community leaders and businesses. Donations may be sent to ACE at the City of Greenbelt offices, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

GHI FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will continue its fall roof and gutter cleaning program during the week of December 7-11, 1998. Courts included for cleaning that week are:

- **10 Court Crescent Road**
- **9, 11, 12, 13, & 14 Courts of Hillside Road**
- **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 8 Courts of Laurel Hill Road**
- **135-A & 135-B Northway**
- **All Courts on Plateau Place**
- **9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19 Courts of Ridge Road**
- **55 through 62 Courts Ridge Road**
- **1 & 2 Courts Westway**
- **3 through 8 Woodland Way**
- **1, 2, and 4 Courts Southway**

Weekly cleaning schedules for the remainder of the program will be posted in the News Review on a weekly basis. If you have any question, please contact the project supervisor, Bob Tucker on (301) 474-6011.

Twenty-seventh Annual Festival of Lights

Greenbelt Recreation Department

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
(301)397-2200 ❄ Recorded Info: (301)474-5525

The Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Regardless of the origin of our individual customs and traditions, we welcome the participation of everyone in our community. Come celebrate together as family, friends and neighbors in the spirit of this special season and the Festival of Lights.

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OPENING CEREMONIES AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 4, 7:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building
All ages welcome. FREE.
Enjoy seasonal selections by the Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir and the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Santa will arrive with lights and siren for the ceremonial lighting of the tree. Refreshments.
Hosted by: The City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 5, 7:00am - 12:00noon
Greenbelt Fire Hall
Advance sales: $4.00/adult, $2.00/ages 6-12
At the door: $5.00/adult, $3.00/ages 6-12
All you can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages. Chat and pictures with Santa.
Information: Joe Wilkinson (301) 474-6893.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with American Legion Post #136 and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW AND SALE
CHILDREN'S CRAFT ROOM (Saturday only)
Saturday, December 5, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, December 6, 11:00am - 4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center
All ages welcome. FREE.
Over fifty crafters will exhibit their wares. Children, pre-school and over, can create holiday crafts while parents shop, 10am-2pm. Concession provided by Greenbelt Arts Center.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department



VIDEOTAPED SEASONS GREETINGS
Saturday, December 5, 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, December 6, 11:00am - 4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center, GATE Studio
All ages welcome. $10.00/tape plus s/h for mailing.
Studio open during the craft show or by appointment to preserve your holiday message.
Information: (301) 507-6581 Hosted by: Greenbelt Access Television

ARTIST OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 6, 12:00noon - 5:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center, artists studios
The studio doors are open, and artists are available to meet, greet and show their wares. Come explore these unique and always evolving areas of the community center.
Hosted by: resident artists and the Greenbelt Recreation Department

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY
Tuesday, December 8, 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Kwanzaa)
Wednesday, December 9, 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Hanukkah)
Thursday, December 10, 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Christmas)
Greenbelt Youth Center
Ages: 4 - 12. $2.00/workshop.
Register in advance for this new and informative kids program. Learn and create in the holiday traditions of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

NORTH POLE CALLING
Tuesday, December 8 - Thursday, December 10, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Ages: pre-school - second grade. FREE.
Chat with Santa on the phone. Complete and return flier to recreation office by December 4. Fliers at city recreation centers.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

SEASONS GREETINGS * *from the Mayor & City Council of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department!* *

City Notes

Asphalt cracks were sealed in Greenbelt East. Graffiti was removed from the Spellman Overpass. "No parking" signs were fabricated and replaced in various areas. Crosswalk signs were also fabricated and replaced on Crescent Road and Breezewood Drive. Leaves were vacuumed in Lakewood and around the city. Leaf collections were posted for next week. The staff has been decorating the Community Center for the holiday season. A clogged waterline in front of the Co-op parking lot that had accumulated mud has been repaired.

Autumn, winter, spring were key words for Greenbelt Public Works activities during the week ending November 13. Autumn work consisted of leaf removal in the Boxwood Village subdivision and cleaning the Greenbelt War Memorial grounds in preparation for the Veteran's Day Services. Winter work consisted of preparing snow removal route maps for the plow crews and repairing snow removal equipment. To have the flowers that bloom in the spring, the Horticulture Crew planted 3,200 tulip bulbs and 800 pansies in the median beds of Southway and prepared the entrance beds at Greenbriar for planting 300 tulips and 600 pansies.

In other work, the Parks Crew and Special Details spread and compacted gravel dust applied to the Lake Park path in order to create a smoother surface. Signs and poles removed during construction on Northway and Hillside were replaced.

The Parks Crew continued construction of new picnic tables and the batting cage on Braden Field.

Special Operations Crew installed a new sign at the Lakecrest Drive tennis courts and cleaned graffiti from a sidewalk on Ridge Road.

By using Bill Phelan's canoe, the Horticultural Crew were able to clean up debris that had been thrown in the lake. They also replaced the plantings at Roosevelt Center damaged by vandalism.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Assault

7-11 store in the 6900 block of Goodluck Road, Nov. 21, 9:05 a.m., a man entered the store, switched the price tags of two items, placing the less expensive tag on a bag of dog food, and then proceeded to the cash register. The cashier told the person that he had seen him switch the tags and would charge him the full amount. The man then spat on the cashier, threw a cigarette lighter display at him, and threatened to shoot him. The man went to his vehicle and retrieved a handgun. Meanwhile, the cashier fled to the rear of the store. The man re-entered the store but was stopped by a witness from going any farther. He then left the store and drove away in his vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 years old, 5'6" and 190 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes and wearing a black jacket and gray pants. The vehicle was an older-model Nissan 2H, dark gray or black, with no front tag displayed. The rear tag appeared to be a Maryland registration plate.

6200 block of Springhill Court, Nov. 24, 4:50 p.m., a 16-year-old boy was walking out of his building and heard someone call his name. He looked and saw a youth whom he did not know running toward him. The youth punched the victim on the right side of his face, causing him to become disoriented. Three other juveniles then joined the first in the assault. The victim stated that he had seen the suspects before but did not know them. The victim was treated at the hospital for cuts and abrasions.

Robbery

28 Crescent Road, Nov. 23, 7:39 p.m., a woman was walking alone near the playground, looking for an item she had forgotten earlier. A young man approached her from behind, grabbed her shoulder, and spun her around to face him. He held one hand under his jacket and grabbed the victim's purse. The victim thought she saw a knife in the man's hand partially concealed inside the jacket. He ran toward Southway, at which time the victim yelled to him to take her wallet but not her purse. He stopped and dumped the purse out, taking the wallet and continuing on his way. He took a wallet which contained only identification cards. The wallet was later recovered on the sidewalk near the 11 court of Ridge Road. The robber got nothing of value in the incident and the victim was not harmed. The suspect is described as a black male 16 to 18 years of age, 5'10", and 140 lbs., with black hair and wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and light-colored pants.

Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Nov. 23, 9:33 a.m., a 15-year-old female nonresident was arrested after entering an office, pulling a steak knife from her pocket, and stating "I'm going to hurt someone." The youth was charged on petition and released to Juvenile Services.

Drugs

7500 block of Mandan Road, Nov. 23, 9:47 p.m., a 33-year-old male nonresident was arrested after officers responded to a call reporting a suspicious person attempting to break into a car. He was not the owner of the vehicle, and he was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing after being found to possess cocaine.

Burglary and Theft

Jeeper's! in Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 21, 7:38 p.m., three incidents in which children's coats were stolen from a table in the party room were reported.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Nov. 22, 9:05 p.m., several items of jewelry were reportedly taken from a residence. There were no signs of forced entry.

31 court of Ridge Road, Nov. 23, 4:25 p.m., an unsecured garage was entered and a flashlight was taken from inside a vehicle.

8100 block of Mandan Road, Nov. 23, 6:47 p.m., two doors of a townhome were damaged in attempts to gain entry.

Vehicle Crimes

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, Nov. 20, a dark green 1997 Honda Accord 4S with Maryland tags AAK 453 was stolen.

100 block of Westway, Nov. 22, a red 1988 Oldsmobile with New Jersey tags YF158Y was stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenbelt Metro station, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, Maplewood Place, Maplewood Court, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, Lakeside Drive, Lakecrest Drive, Ridge Road, Crescent Road, and Southway.

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Sylvia Lewis, right, presents Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club donation to Mayor Davis for the city's emergency assistance fund.

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Council Sets Referendum For Parkside Annexation

by Diane Oberg

At its November 23 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council set an early date for the annexation referendum, hired consultants to help study the Greenbelt Station development plans and questioned why the renovation of Greenbelt Middle School has been set back.

On a 4-1 vote with Councilmember Alan Turnbull opposed, council set March 9 as the date for the referendum on the annexation of Parkside at Greenbelt. Under state law, the earliest the election could be held would be February 5. City Manager Michael McLaughlin suggested allowing slightly more time to ensure that all legal notification requirements are met, and to minimize the chance of bad weather keeping voters away from the polls.

According to McLaughlin, the city does not have to hold a special election, and could have deferred action until the next regular election in November 1999. However, he said the City Solicitor, the City Clerk and he agreed that delaying nearly one year is neither reasonable nor fair.

Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers White and Putens agreed. Councilmember Rodney Roberts did not object to a March referendum, but also did not see any need to rush, and, in the end, voted for the March 9 date.

Turnbull disagreed and argued for a November vote. He said that he could not justify the cost, distraction and special attention that putting the referendum on the "fast track" would entail. Asking taxpayers to spend $5,000 on a special election "adds insult to injury," he said.

Development near Metro

Council unanimously approved contracting with Greenhorne and O'Mara, and Systems Analysis, Inc. as consultants relating to the proposed development near the Metro Station. Greenhorne and O'Mara will provide transportation planning and engineering services, while Systems Analysis will consult on environmental issues. Expenditures under these contracts may not exceed $10,000 each.

Other Actions

Sylvia Lewis, treasurer, presented a contribution to the city's emergency assistance fund from the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

Mayor Judith Davis presented City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the fifteenth year that the city has received this award, which is the highest recognition in financial reporting. Williams praised the employees of the finance department for their work.

As part of the consent agenda, council accepted the Advisory Committee on Education's report on the county school system's capital improvement program and directed staff to prepare a letter to the Board of Education asking for an explanation of why the renovation of Greenbelt Middle School was reduced to twenty-second in the priority list.

Also approved on the consent agenda: an agreement with P&G Theaters providing for the city to sponsor two to four film festivals at the Roosevelt Center theater between December 1998 and June 1999 for a total cost of $20,000. In return, the theater is to remain open and showing films through June, and to make some improvements to the theater. If the theater does close, however, the city will have right of first refusal to purchase the theater's equipment and furnishings.

City employees will be granted a "floating holiday" to be used between now and June 30.

The report of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee's annual forum was referred to staff for evaluation and comment.

Local Photographer Exhibits at Borders

There will be a show of exhibition photographs by Greenbelt photographer Timothy Edberg capturing the natural beauty of this vast country. The show will run through December 31 at Borders Books of Bowie, located in the Bowie Gateway Center near the intersection of highways 50 and 301. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, December 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at which light refreshments will be served.

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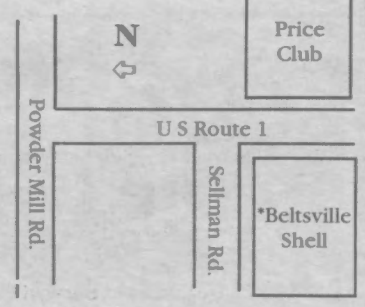
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Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to William L. Shiflett and family on the death of his wife and their mother, Catherine Foster Shiflett.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter William J. Grennon, Sr. Although he had moved out of Greenbelt, he continued to actively participate in many of its programs. He will be missed.

Julie Hottle Day has been named vice president of the Alumni Association Executive Board of Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. Day is a cum laude graduate of the college with a degree in political science and criminal justice and is an attorney with Dixon, Smith and Stahl in Fairfax, VA.

Johnathan F. Jordan, son of Bobbie J. Jordan of Jacobs Drive, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. In addition to learning about the Air Force mission, organization and customs, airmen who complete basic training earn credit toward an associates degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Several Greenbelt students are being featured in the 32nd annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Students are nominated for inclusion on the basis of their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Greenbelt students featured include Ryan Abel, Ola Akinrinlola, Bukola Akinsiku, Stephen O. Allen, Mariama Bah, Simba N. Blackman, Kyle J. Brady, Joseph A. Canter, Thanh Hieu Dao Le, Marquis L. Dennis, Jonathan A. Dent, Leola B. Edelin, Jamica El, Sima Fadli, Kristina Fierstein, Adunola Folyinka, Jason Forte, Alexander Matthew Greene, James Greenwell, and Charles Hom.

Also included in the 32nd edition of Who's Who are Richard Patrick Isom, Drisana Jackson, Amber R. Jones, Dana Jordan, Joseph Jung, Seung Y. Kim, Rebecca R. Lemus, Edelin Leola, Stephanie Leonard, Ulysses C. Lewis, Joi Loretz, Christine Maher, Michael L. Manglitz, Kelly Markham, Nicholas Moore, Erica Naves, Mary-Jane E. Ojie, Faith Okoh, Sheena Osborne, Jaime Pereira, Rastko Popovic, Nasseem Rouhani, Tara C. Schwab, Chantel Seam, Neel K. Shah, Shelley Shupp, Eric M. Silverman, Marcella Smid, Matthew A. Stohrer, Mary Storck, Nooshin F. Sturdivant, Candace D. Sumner, Cheo D. Sumner, Sommer Tanghow, January M. Tavel, Lena R. Troncoso, and Estelle S. Yoo.

Congratulations to the Schattuck family of Research Road — Rich, Teresa and Zack on the birth of Casey Downs Schattuck on November 21, at Holy Cross Hospital. Casey weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Anthony Comulada, son of former Greenbelt residents Corinne and John Comulada, and his wife, Kim, are the proud parents of Cloe Marie. Cloe Marie was born November 29 at Penrose Community Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO; she weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. Congratulations!



City Horticulturist Bill Phelan and his crew are recognized for their beautification work. From left Brian Townsend, Anthony Williams, Phelan and Danny Kelleher are seated in front of their magnificent fall display of pale pink Venus mums.

Beautification Award Received by the City

The City of Greenbelt has received a beautification award from Prince George's County. The horticultural crew, led by City Horticulturist Bill Phelan, was recognized at the Greenbelt City Council meeting of October 12, and presented with the award. Curtis Dudley, Danny Kellaher, Anthony Holmes, Brian Townsend and Bill Phelan also received a City Manager's recognition for "award-winning work in making Greenbelt beautiful."



Greenbelters enjoy another beautiful fall weekend at Buddy Attick Park.

-photo by Judy Nelson

Greenbriar Wins Beautification Award

The Greenbriar Community Association was presented with the Golden Trowel Award for Horticultural Excellence in September at the Prince George's County Beautification Awards ceremony in Upper Marlboro. Albert Chandler of Greenbriar Phase III accepted the award for the GCA board of directors, who had a conflicting meeting scheduled.

This is the sixth award the Greenbriar Community Association has received from the County Beautification Committee since 1993.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 5 & 19
Flea Market 9:00 a.m..-3:00 p.m.
A great opportunity to make extra money for the holidays.
Fee: $15.00 per day, per table for Bi-County residents when you pay in advance. $20.00 per day, per table for Bi-County residents the day of the event. Call for Non-Bi-County rates.

Dec. 12
Used Hockey equipment and skate Sale and Swap
9:00 a.m..-2:00 p.m.
A great opportunity to make extra money for those skating items no longer being used.
Free admission to shoppers and vendors.

Dec. 19
Santa Clause is arriving by Zamboni
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Ice skate with Santa for a special fee.
Fee: $4.00 per person for Bi-County residents $5.00 per person for Non-Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Dec. 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 and Jan 18 & 29
Ice'n Easy Days - 8:00 A.M.-4:00 p.m.
Parents looking for something to do when school is out for the day. Ice'n Easy Days offer a beginner ice skating lesson, games, arts and crafts, and ice skating. Available for ages 6-12. Before care and after care hours available for a fee.
Fee: $25.00 for Bi-County residents $30.00 for Non Bi-County residents. Call for before and after care fees.

Dec. 24 - Jan 3
Holiday Schedule in effect. -
Fees: Adults, Bi-County residents $4.50 and $5.50 Non Bi-County residents; Children (17 and under) and Senior Citizen, Bi-County residents $3.50 and $4.25 Non Bi-County residents; Skate rental, $3.50

Register today for ice hockey or ice skating lessons.
Classes begin January 2.
Fees: Beginner-Intermediate, Bi-County $60.00 Non-Bi-County $72.00; Advanced, Bi-County $65.00, Non-Bi-County $78.00 Hockey, Bi-County $70.00, Non-Bi-County $84.00.

Weekly Events:
Adult Night-Every Thursday
7:30-9:30 p.m.
This night is for you if you are 18 or over.
Fee: $4.00 per person for Bi-County residents $5.00 per person for Non Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Adult Pick-up Hockey-Every Sunday
9:30-11:30 p.m.
Fee: $8.25 per person for Bi-county residents $10.00 for Non Bi-County residents. You must be 18 years of age or older; full equipment, including a full face mask or shield, is required to play.

Birthday Special - available during any public skating session. Prove it's your birthday and skate for FREE!

Dance - Every Tuesday
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Fee: $8.25 person for Bi-County residents $10.00 for Non Bi-County residents.

DJ Night - Every Friday
7:00-10:00 p.m.
This is a fun night for everyone.
Fee: $8.00 for admission, skate rental is FREE.

Family Night - Every Sunday
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Up to four children are admitted free with a paying Mom or Dad, does not include skate rental.
Fee: Adult, Bi-County residents $4.50, Non Bi-County resident $5.50 and $3.50 for skate rental.

Freestyle Sessions - Every Thursday starting December 12, 6:15 -7:15 PM., Friday 5:15-6:45 p.m., and Saturday 10:05-11:05 a.m.
Fee: $8.25 for Bi-County residents. $10.00 for Non Bi-County residents.

Group Special - Bring a group of ten (10) or more to ice skate and pay a special rate.
Fee: $4.00 for Bi-County residents. $5.00 Non Bi-County residents. This includes admission and skate rental. Advance notice and deposit required.

Lunch Time Special - Monday thru Friday 12:00-1:00 p.m., or 1:15-2:15 p.m.
Bring your lunch and ice skate.
Fee: $2.00 per person. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Military/College Identification Special - present your current military/college ID and ice skate for a special fee.
Fee: $4.00 for Bi-County residents and $5.00 for Non Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and skate rental. Available during all public skating sessions.

School Group Special - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.. - 11:30 a.m. A great field trip.
Fee: $2.00 per person, includes admission and skate rental. Advance reservations and deposit required to receive this special deal.

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Fee: $4.00 for Bi-County residents and $5.00 for Non Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Wednesday Night Special - Every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Fee: $4.00 Bi-County residents, $5.00 Non-Bi-County residents. The fee includes admission and skate rental.

Rent the rink - Non-prime ice time available for only $150.00 per hour. Prime ice time available for $185.00 per hour for Bi-County residents and $225.00 per hour for Non Bi-County residents. Call for availability.

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